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TAGS: PPDC, MV

SUBJECT:CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT

1. PLEASE TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME TO PRESIDENT NASIR OF THE MALDIVES FROM PRESIDENT FORD.  
QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I AM PLEASED TO EXTEND WARM GREETINGS ON THE OCCASION OF ID AL-FITR TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND, ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, TO THE REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES. MAY GOD GRANT YOU AND YOUR COUNTRYMEN CONTINUED HAPPINESS, GOOD HEALTH, AND THE BLESSINGS OF PEACE.  
SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. UNQUOTE.

2. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE BUT HAS NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT WISHES TO DO SO. HABIB

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